

( No Report. )

JANUARY 25, 1839.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. LOOMIS, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported the following bill :

## **A BILL**

Granting land to the Portage Canal Company for the construction of a canal at the Wisconsin and Fox-river portage.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   “the Portage Canal Company,” incorporated by an act  
4   of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan,  
5   approved March seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-four,  
6   be, and it hereby is, authorized to enter upon and use for the  
7   purpose of constructing and using the canal contemplated  
8   by said Territorial act, so much of lots numbered three, four,  
9   and five, of fractional section number four, and also so much  
10   of fractional section number nine, all situated in township  
11   twelve north, range nine east, of the fourth principal meri-  
12   dian, in the Territory of Wisconsin, as shall be necessary for  
13   the construction and use of their said canal, not to exceed  
14   fifty feet in width along on each side of the centre line of  
15   said canal, with an additional quantity of land for a depot, of

16 not exceeding five acres ; to be located by said company in  
17 one parcel upon one or both sides of said canal, but not to  
18 occupy a greater length of front along on said canal than it  
19 shall have of depth extending back from said canal : *Provi-*  
20 *ded,* The said Portage Canal Company shall locate the said  
21 canal and the said land for a depot within one year from the  
22 passage of this act : *And provided, further,* That nothing  
23 herein contained shall be construed to vest any title in said  
24 company to said lands if it shall fail to construct said canal  
25 in the manner and within the time limited by the said act of  
26 incorporation, or in some act passed or to be passed amend-  
27 atory thereof ; and upon due proof being made, to the satis-  
28 faction of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the completion of  
29 said canal in the manner and within the time above limited,  
30 a patent shall be granted to said company granting the said  
31 lands for the uses aforesaid.